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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Public Health:

Regarding Proposed HB No. 5625, "An Act Concerning the Definition of Surgery":

That chapter 370 of the general statutes be amended to define "surgery" to mean: The structural alteration of the human body by incision or destruction of tissue or the diagnostic or therapeutic treatment of conditions or disease processes using any instrument causing localized alteration or transposition of live human tissue, including, but not limited to, lasers, ultrasound, ionizing radiation, scalpels, probes and needles, used to cut, burn vaporize, freeze, suture, probe, or otherwise alter by mechanical, thermal, light-based, electromagnetic, or chemical means, or manipulation by closed reductions for major dislocations or fractures, or the injection of diagnostic or therapeutic substances into body cavities, internal organs, joints, sensory organs and the central nervous system.

Statement of Purpose:

To adopt a definition of surgery.

I believe the definition of surgery cited above is too broad and am especially concerned that electrologists, who are professionally certified, would be excluded from practicing their service. Please exclude electrologists from this bill.

Thank you.

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